

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended. In this Office Action dated November 17, 2006, the Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claims 1-6, 7 and 23 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite. The Examiner has further maintained the rejection of Claims 31-42 under 35 USC 101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner has further maintained the rejection of Claims 1-4 and 21-24 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Goldberg et al. (WO 02/03217 A1). The Examiner has further maintained the rejection of Claim 5 as rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldberg in view of Fallentine et al. (US 2002/0042832). Lastly, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 8 and 10 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed subject matter. Applicants traverse the various rejections of all of the remaining claims. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this case, in this amendment Applicants have canceled the rejected claims, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance of pending Claims 8 and 10 in this application is earnestly solicited.

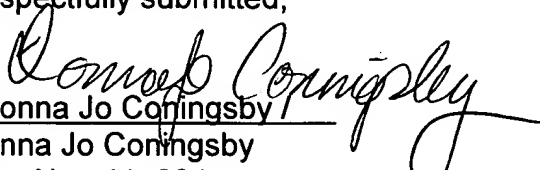
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The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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